

**IN THE UNITED STATES
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

PATENT APPLICATION

Applicant: **Bera, et al.**

Case: **8477/ETCH/DRIE**

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Title: **METHOD OF FABRICATING A DUAL DAMASCENE
INTERCONNECT STRUCTURE**

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 24, 2006

The previous Response was inadvertently submitted without a signature. Accordingly, please disregard the previous Response filed May 23, 2005 and replace with this Response.

In response to the Office Action dated February 24, 2006, having a shortened statutory period set to expire on May 24, 2006, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Applicants believe that no fee is due in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 50-3562 for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.